

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title as follows and as presented in the substitute specification filed concurrently herewith.

-- NEAR-FIELD LIGHT GENERATING METHOD[[,]] AND NEAR-FIELD EXPOSURE MASK OPTICAL HEAD USING A LIGHT BLOCKING METAL FILM HAVING A FINE OPENING WHOSE SIZE IS NOT MORE THAN A WAVELENGTH OF IRRADIATED LIGHT, AND NEAR-FIELD EXPOSURE METHOD AND APPARATUS OPTICAL MICROSCOPE HAVING THE OPTICAL HEAD --.